

**DRAFT MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL  
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.**

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor German called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Charles German, Vice Mayor Bruce George, Councilor Robin Whatley, Councilor Jessie Jones-Murdock, Councilor Brad Gordon, and Councilor Carol German were present. Councilor Jackie Baker was absent.

**Also Present**

Town Manager Russ Martin, Marshall Nancy Gardner, OLLIE Representative Ed Lee, Town Clerk Virginia Jones and Recording Secretary Lynn Riordan. Also present were member from the Planning and Development subcommittee Kathy Davis, Tony Gioia and Brenda Hauser.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor led the Pledge.

4. **Consent Agenda** – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.

**a) Approval of the Minutes:**

- 1) Work Session – January 13, 2016
- 2) Regular Session – January 20, 2016

**b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

- 1) Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Work Session
- 2) Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Session
- 3) Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

**c) Possible approval for Finance Director to open a new National Bank Account and close the current National Bank Sanitary District Public Funds Account, transferring all monies from the current account to the new account.** Staff Resource: Mike Showers

**d) Possible approval of Camp Verde River Recreation Master Plan.** Staff Resource: Steve Ayers

Councilor German requested Item 4.c) be pulled from the Consent Agenda pending clarification and discussion.

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor Gordon, the council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding Item 4.c).

At Councilor German's inquiry regarding item 4.c, Russ Martin advised that bank policy will not allow a name change or title change of the Account (from Sanitary District Public Funds to Town of Camp Verde (trustee for the Sanitary District), and recommended by audit for control and responsibility, the account name needs to be changed to Town of Camp Verde and linked to the Town's EIN number. The account will remain the same, with the same purposes.

On a **motion** by Councilor German, seconded by Councilor Gordon, the council unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda Item 4.c).

5. **Special Announcements and presentations:**

- **Certificate of Appreciation to Mike Hough**
- **Certificates of Appreciation to Kathy Davis, Tony Gioia, and Brenda Hauser**
- **Approve Proclamation supporting increased awareness relating to Human Trafficking.**

Vice Mayor George advised the Mike Hough was not present, and he would personally deliver the Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Hough.

Vice Mayor George presented Certificates of Appreciation to Kathy Davis, Tony Gioia and Brenda Hauser for their continuous support to the Town of Camp Verde and their perpetual devotion to the development of the General Plan while serving on the Planning and Development subcommittee.

**Proclamation:** Mayor German proclaimed the Town of Camp Verde supports increased awareness relating to Human Trafficking.

6. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**

Ed Lee advised that his appointment as the OLLIE Representative for the Town of Camp Verde expires next month. Mr. Lee indicated he would accept re-appointment if the Council wishes to re-appoint him. Mr. Lee advised that the OLLIE program in Camp Verde has been very successful, and participation in the Camp Verde OLLIE program is not only Camp Verde residents, but also residents from the entire Verde Valley. Mr. Lee advised that he is working on two projects: 1) Creating a Camp Verde OLLI council, not just being a Verde Campus for OLLIE and 2) Creating a non-profit business alliance. Mr. Lee advised that the Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce is now in good standing with the Corporation commission (hand out provided to Council Members).

Chris Vogler, Verde Valley Toys for Tots presented an appreciation plaque to Town Manager, Russ Martin, for his continued support and cooperation in making the Toys for Tots successful and allowing them to use the Camp Verde gym for their annual Christmas Party.

Kathy Davis advised the League of Women Voters had begun their voter information and registration drive to encourage residents to register and vote, in the upcoming local and national elections.

7. **Presentation by Verde River Basin Partnership, updating Council on current activities.** Vice Mayor George advised the Kathy Davis, Tony Gioia and Brenda Hauser have been instrumental in the Verde River Basin Partnership. Kathy Davis gave a brief overview of Verde River Basin Partnership (non-profit organization founded in 2006), and the on-going data and statistical information, ground and surface water conservation and preservation efforts. Ms. Davis provided each Council Member with a book entitled Verde River Basin Partnership / Verde River Basin Water Resources Primer, and advised that information is available on-line at [vrbp.org](http://vrbp.org).

8. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2016-960 a Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona in support of the I-17 Black Canyon City to Cordes Junction improvement plan.**

On a **motion** by Councilor Jones-Murdock, seconded by Vice Mayor George, the council unanimously voted to approve Resolution 2016-960. Town Manager Russ Martin gave a brief over-view of Resolution 2016-960 advising that this section of I-17 is heavily traveled, is the only main North-South corridor in Arizona and is a life-line to the Verde Valley, has substantial safety issues (and too often, travel delay issues) and its

improvements are critical to the Verde Valley. Mr. Martin stated that although resources have been limited, the Town support the improvement plan for this section of I-17.

9. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Special Event Liquor License applications for the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce Mixer to be held on February 18, 2016 at Jones Ford Verde Valley, located at 5980 E. Coury Drive, Camp Verde, AZ 86322.**

On a **motion** by Vice Mayor George, seconded by Councilor German, the council unanimously voted to approve the Special Event Liquor License application(s) for the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Town Clerk Virginia Jones advised the application had been properly filed. Linda Norman, Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, advised the application is being presented to Council for their consideration, and she was available to answer any questions.

10. **Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff relative to proposed legislation by the 52<sup>nd</sup> State Legislature during its second regular session that convened on January 11, 2016.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin.

Town Manager Russ Martin advised the League of Arizona Cities and Towns have all legislative updates available to Council Members, and the public, to assist them in staying informed. The Public Safety Retirement System (deficit) is one of the items that has been approved and will now go to the voters, noting that this issue will affect the budgets of all Arizona cities and towns. Mr. Martin recommended that any concerns or issues that Council Members or staff may have with respect to proposed bills or legislative updates, he is available for discussion and/or the matter can be placed for council discussion on the next Regular Session Agenda.

11. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

Steve Goetting addressed the Common Council advising the Chamber of Commerce would be supporting Proposition 123 in support of our schools, in addition to proposed legislation that may allow school to grow and consume their own food/crops. Mr. Goetting advised the Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday) at 8:30 a.m. at Denny's.

12. **Council Informational Reports.** These reports are relative to the committee meetings that Council members attend. The Committees are Camp Verde Schools Education Foundation; Chamber of Commerce, Intergovernmental Association, NACOG Regional Council, Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee, and shopping locally. In addition, individual members may provide brief summaries of current events. The Council will have no discussion or take action on any of these items, except that they may request that the item be placed on a future agenda. Councilor German advised that she attended and participated in the Veteran's Bowling event at Cliff Castle Casino, and noted that it was well attended and very successful.

Councilor Jones-Murdock had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor German advised he also attended (and sold raffle tickets) the Veteran's bowling event at Cliff Castle Casino.

Vice Mayor George advised that he attended the ground-breaking at Cliff Castle Casino Hotel; had attended the Verde Valley Transportation planning meeting that included upcoming projects and in-progress projects, including the YA Nation's grant for \$300,000 to extend bus services.

Councilor Gordon advised that he to attended the ground-breaking at Cliff Castle Casino Hotel; had attended the Verde Valley Land Preservation meeting; had participated with Vice Mayor George in having "coffee with a cop"; and had attended the NACOG meeting at the retirement home in Camp Verde where

the major topic of discussion was transportation issues.

Councilor Whatley advised that she attended the celebration of life of the late George Kovacovich, a Camp Verde native, and whose family still owns the original farm, stating Mr. Kovacovich had contributed to the benefit of Camp Verde all of his life and was a founding member of the Camp Verde Calvary.

13. **Manager/Staff Report** Individual members of the Staff may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the Council and public of such events and activities. The Council will have no discussion, consideration, or take action on any such item, except that an individual Council member may request that the item be placed on a future agenda.  
Town Manager Russ Martin had nothing to add at this time.

14. **Adjournment**  
Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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Charles German, Mayor

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Lynn Riordan, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session Mayor and Common Council of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on February 3, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Virginia Jones – Town Clerk